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HOUSE APPROVES TAX OVERHAUL

2 local GOP members vote no on bill

Rohrabacher, Issa say residents wouldn't get same relief as rest of nation

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Two Southern California Republican House members parted with GOP colleagues Thursday to vote against the sweeping tax reform measure that was approved despite unified opposition from Democrats.

Reps. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Huntington Beach, and Darrell Issa, R-Vista, voted against the measure, saying it was a bad deal for Californians because it would raise their taxes while residents of most other states would see a tax reduction.

"It's disappointing that the bill approved today will not provide the same tax relief to Californians as it does to the rest of the nation," said Issa, who won re-election last year by 0.6 percentage points in a district that straddles Orange and San Diego counties. Both Issa and Rohrabacher are expected to face tough re-election battles in 2018.

Despite voting against the measure, Issa indicated he would support a plan that helped California taxpayers reduce what they paid.

"Before reform reaches the

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Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, with House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and other House Republicans, speaks after passage of the House tax bill on Thursday.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

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Orange County Public Works discovered a bunker containing 1,000 bikes in the Fountain Valley homeless encampment area.

A GUN, A BUNKER AND 1,000 BICYCLES

Unusual findings discovered at former homeless camp in Fountain Valley

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The makeshift bunker beneath a recently displaced Fountain Valley homeless encampment was big enough for a grown person to stand inside, replete with wood-paneled walls and a support beam, and accessible only via a small hatch camouflaged to blend in with its dirt surroundings.

The half-loaded .357 Magnum found near the same camp, along the Santa Ana River, contained three empty shell casings — meaning it had been fired.

And the 1,000 bicycles discovered hidden away in the flood-control channel's dark tunnel system could suggest a large-scale theft ring.

Orange County sheriff's deputies and public employees said they uncovered unusual and dangerous conditions in the recently cleared homeless camps on the riverbed in Fountain Valley. The findings, they said, posed public safety risks and indicated that the area was rife with crime.

"It just backs up the data that we've collected, which says there is a significant criminal element in the homeless encampments," sheriff's Lt. Jeff Puckett said.

County employees discovered the bunker Wednesday as part of a cleanup effort after the county

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WASHINGTON

Sen. Al Franken accused of groping news anchor

Lawmaker apologizes after allegations made involving 2006 USO tour

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Leeann Tweeden, a KABC-AM news anchor and co-host of "McIntyre in the Morning," has accused Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., of kissing and groping her during a USO tour to the Middle East in 2006.

In a post shared early Thursday morning on KABC.com, Tweeden says the former comedian and now-politician forcibly kissed her after insisting they rehearse a kiss he wrote into a skit for the troops.

She also provided a photo of Franken apparently reaching toward, if not touching, her breasts while she is wearing military gear

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State sets rules for marijuana businesses

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Cannabis retailers will have to stay at least 600 feet away from schools. They'll also have to close by 10 p.m. and maintain video surveillance at their stores 24 hours a day.

Those are some of the myriad regulations in the new rule book for California's cannabis industry, which state regulators released Thursday.

The rules come about a year after voters approved the legal use of marijuana, but just weeks be-

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Sheriff's copter drenches woman

A woman was soaked when a Sheriff's Department helicopter dumped water on her during a training exercise. LOCAL 1

RADIO

The Sound FM 100.3 says goodbye

The classic rock station, sold to a Christian broadcaster, played Beatles music and signed off for good. LOCAL 1

WILD ANIMALS

Orphaned mountain lion cub gets a home

The cougar found in Silverado Canyon will be taken to the Oakland Zoo, where it will join another orphaned cub. LOCAL 1

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At 35, workouts keep tackle on the field

6-foot-7, 330-pound Andrew Whitworth is the NFL's oldest starting offensive lineman. SPORTS 1

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